

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/664,372

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received 9/7/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 21-23, 25-39, 13-20 and 43-45 (patent claims 1-41, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-12 if the amendment, filed 9/7/06, with respect to the rejections of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive.

The rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

2. Claims 1-23, 25-39 and 43-45 are allowed while claims 24 and 40-41 have been canceled.

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